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SUBJECT: NEW AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO ISLAMABAD ANNOUNCED

REF: (A) KABUL 5170 (NOTAL) (B) KABUL 5206 (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: AUTHORITATIVE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY PAKISTAN TIMES REPORTS TODAY THAT GOP HAS GIVEN TS AGREMENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MAHMUD BARYALAI AS KABUL'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO ISLAMABAD. ACCORDING TO HPE ANNOUNCEMENT, BARYLAI IS BOTH A MEMBER OF THE AFGHAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF AFGHANISTAN.

2. THE POST HAS BEEN VACANT SINCE A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE KABUL CONFIDENTIAL

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COUP WHEN THE FORMER INCUMBENT, NOUR ETEMADE, DROVE TO KABUL ON WHAT WAS INTENDED AS A ROUTINE VISIT. HE NEVER RETURNED TO ISLAMABAD.

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: FONSEC SHAHNAWAZ TOLD AMB THIS MORNING THAT PAKS UNDERSTAND BARYLAI IS PRESENTLY UNEMPLOYED AND THAT HE IS DEPUTY PRIMIN BABRAK KARMAL'S BROTHER, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM

## STUDIES IN THE SOVIET UNION.

4. WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE GENERALLY WITH REF (B) JUDGEMENT THAT APPOINTMENT DOES NOT BODE WELL FOR PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS, AND WD SHARE KABUL'S PUZZLEMENT AT CHOICE. FONSEC, WHO IS AWARE OF CURRENT KABUL "PURGE", WAS NOT INCLINED TO ASCRIBE PURGE MOTIVES TO THIS APPOINTMENT, PERHAPS -- AS KABUL NOTES -- BECAUSE AGREMENT REQUEST HAS BEEN WITH GOP FOR SOME TIME. HUMMEL

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